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SUBJ: COMMENTS ON MEETING APRIL 14 (SALT TWO-975)

1. AT TODAY'S MEETING I MADE CAREFULLY DRAWN STATEMENT ON ICBM-LAUNCHER DEFINITION, NOTING AREAS OF AGREEMENT AND DISCUSSING REMAINING AREAS OF DISAGREEMENT, AND IN GENERAL FOCUSING ON APPARENT SOVIET APPROACH BASED ON INDIVIDUAL LAUNCHERS AS COMPARED TO US APPROACH ON "TYPES."

2. SEMENOV'S STATEMENT ON MIRV VERIFICATION, KEYED TO OUR APRIL 7 STATEMENT ON SUBJECT, WHILE ALSO NOTING AREAS OF AGREEMENT AND DISAGREEMENT ACCEPTED NECESSITY OF A "GENERAL MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING" WITH RESPECT TO CONVERSION OF ICBM LAUNCHERS AND SLBM LAUNCHERS TO MIRVED LAUNCHERS. HE ALSO ACCEPTED OUR PROPOSITION THAT PARAGRAPH 3 OF ARTICLE VI IS BASIS FOR CONVERSION FROM MIRVED TO NON-MIRVED LAUNCHERS. HE THEN PROPOSED THAT CONVERSION PROCEDURES FOR ICBMS AND SLBMS BE REFERRED TO SCC BY APPROPRIATE LANGUAGE IN PARAGRAPH 2 OF ARTICLE XVII.

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3. IN OUR PRIVATE CONVERSATION I SAID THAT, WHILE I WOULD

OF COURSE MAKE CAREFUL REPLY AFTER STUDYING TEXT OF HIS STATEMENT TODAY, I WANTED AS A PRELIMINARY MATTER TO NOTE THAT WE FELT THAT IT WOULD BE DESIRABLE TO ESTABLISH SOME GENERAL RULES WITH RESPECT TO CONVERSION IN TEXT OF AGREEMENT ALONG SAME LINES AS NEW CONSTRUCTION RULES IN PARAGRAPHS 1 AND 2 OF ARTICLE VI, AS A GUIDE TO THE SCC; BUT I WOULD SPEAK FURTHER TO THIS MATTER AT SUBSEQUENT MEETING. DURING COURSE OF OUR CONVERSATION, HE SAID THAT, WITHOUT IMPLYING THEIR POSITION ON SUBJECT, HE WOULD BE INTERESTED IN KNOWING WHETHER THE PHASING RULE ON SLBMS, WHICH I SET FORTH AT MARCH 23 MEETING, "WOULD BE DISCUSSED IN SCC WHERE THEY WOULD BE SUBSEQUENTLY WORKING OUT APPROPRIATE PROCEDURES." I SAID I WOULD DEFER ANSWER AND PERHAPS COVER IT IN NEXT PLENARY MEETING ON MIRV SUBJECT.

4. IN RESPONSE TO MY URGING THAT DRAFTING GROUP AGREE TO BRACKET "RESPECTIVELY" AND "NON-HEAVY" VERSUS "LIGHT" IN HEAVY-MISSILE DEFINITION AND MOVE ONTO HEAVY-MISSILE CAP, HE, IN EFFECT, SAID THEY WERE NOT PREPARED TO MOVE UNTIL WE HAD ACCEPTED "LIGHT." HE SAID THEY WERE ENTIRELY UNABLE TO UNDERSTAND WHY WE REFUSED TO ACCEPT THIS TERM WHICH WOULD ALSO BE USED IN THE MOSCOW UNDERSTANDING OF JANUARY 1976. SEMENOV SAID THAT ONCE THIS LANGUAGE PROBLEM WAS RESOLVED HE "DOES NOT SEE ANY GREAT DIFFICULTY" WITH CAP ON HEAVIES."

5. WITH REFERENCE TO OUR STATEMENT ON ICBM DEFINITION TODAY, I SAID THAT QUESTIONS WE HAD RAISED WERE NOT THEORETICAL BUT TO OUR MIND VERY PRACTICAL QUESTIONS AND I WAS SURE THAT HIS EXPERTS COULD UNDERSTAND THE PRACTICAL CONTENT BUT, IF HE FELT IT USEFUL, I SUGGESTED THAT "TECHNICAL EXPERTS FROM BOTH SIDES" DISCUSS MATTER IN GREATER DETAIL.

6. IN HIS PRIVATE CONVERSATION WITH EARLE, SHCHUKIN SHOWED GOOD UNDERSTANDING OF STATEMENT WE MADE TODAY ON ICBM DEFINITION AND, REFERRING TO OUR FREQUENT USE OF "TYPE," SAID THAT HE FELT IT WAS TOO BROAD A TERM AND WAS SEARCHING, THUS FAR UNSUCCESSFULLY, FOR A SUBSTITUTE WHICH WOULD HAVE THE CONTENT OF "SAME." IN THIS CONNECTION HE REFERRED TO OUR USE OF THE TERM "TYPE" IN CONNECTION WITH HEAVY-BOMBER TYPES, I.E. WE LUMPED NON-BOMBERS IN WITH BOMBERS AS BEING OF THE SAME "TYPE." IN SAME
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CONTEXT HE VOLUNTEERED THAT, ALTHOUGH MINUTEMEN II AND MINUTEMEN III LAUNCHERS WERE OF THE SAME TYPE, THEY WERE NOT THE "SAME." SHCHUKIN ALSO TOOK INITIATIVE IN RAISING DATA BASE WITH EARLE, ASKING PERTINENT QUESTIONS ON LEGAL BASIS FOR PRIOR AGREEMENT AS WELL AS PROCEDURES FOR ACHIEVING.

7. BOTH ROWNY IN HIS CONVERSATION WITH TRUSOV AND BELETSKY AND KLOSSON IN HIS CONVERSATION WITH KARPOV DISCUSSED THROW-

WEIGHT DEFINITION ISSUE. THIS ISSUE HAS BECOME EXCEEDINGLY TANGLED IN TECHNICAL AND LINGUISTIC DIFFICULTIES, PART OF WHICH, IT AMERGES FROM ROWNY'S CONVERSATION WITH TRUSOV AND BELETSKY, MAY BE DUE TO FACT THAT THEY SAID SOVIET APPROACH IS THAT DEFINITION SHOULD DEAL ONLY WITH THWOW-WEIGHT INSOFAR AS IT IS PERTINENT TO THE DIVIDING LINE BETWEEN HEAVY AND NON-HEAVY.

8. NEXT MEETING THURSDAY MORNING, APRIL 22, US MISSION. JOHNSON.

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